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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to selling crack cocaine at an area gasoline station.

Terry S. Taylor, 25, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to the charge contained in a Nov. 14, 2004, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Taylor** admitted that he distributed crack cocaine on Sept. 30, 2003. Specifically, **Taylor** admitted that he sold 11 grams of crack cocaine for \$500 at a Conoco station, located in the 4000 block of Blue Ridge Blvd. **Taylor** also admitted that he set up the crack cocaine transaction earlier in the day via telephone.

Under federal law, Graves explained, because of **Taylor's** prior drug-related felony convictions, he will be subject to an enhanced mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

Taylor has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. O'Connor. The case was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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